

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APPROPRIATION BILL, 1957

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Mr. PRESTON, from the committee of conference, submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 10899]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 10899) making appropriations for the Department of Commerce and related agencies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 2, 4, 5, 15, 25, and 26.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 8, 12, 13, 24, 27, 29, 30, and 31, and agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 1:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 1, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert: \$2,450,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 3:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 3, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert: \$7,475,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 6:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 6, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken out and inserted by said amendment insert: *one hundred*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 7:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 7, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert: \$126,804,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 9:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 9, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert: \$4,625,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 10:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 10, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert: \$16,200,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 11:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 11, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert: \$10,900,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 14:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 14, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert: \$960,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 16:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 16, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert: \$82,700,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 17:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 17, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert: \$1,115,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 18:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 18, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed by said amendment insert: *and forty*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 19:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 19, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert: \$15,350,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 20:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 20, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert: \$6,500,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 21:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 21, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert: \$1,600,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

The committee of conference report in disagreement amendments numbered 22, 23, and 28.

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STATEMENT OF THE MANAGERS ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

The managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 10899) making appropriations for the Department of Commerce and related agencies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957, and for other purposes, submit the following statement in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon and recommended in the accompanying conference report as to each of such amendments, namely:

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Amendments Nos. 1 and 2—Salaries and expenses: Appropriates \$2,450,000 instead of \$2,425,000 as proposed by the House and \$2,465,000 as proposed by the Senate, and eliminate language inserted by the Senate providing funds to be expended upon the certificate of the Secretary.

The conferees concur in the statement contained in the Senate committee report concerning the handling of personnel transfers to the Office of the Under Secretary for Transportation.

BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

Amendment No. 3—Salaries and expenses: Appropriates \$7,475,000 instead of \$7,413,000 as proposed by the House and \$7,575,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 4—Census of governments: Appropriates \$1,750,000 as proposed by the House instead of \$2,100,000 as proposed by the Senate. The action of the conferees is not intended to reduce any of the functions proposed under this program.

Amendment No. 5—National housing inventory: Appropriates \$1,000,000 for a survey of housing as proposed by the House instead of \$650,000 for a national intercensal survey of housing as proposed by the Senate.

CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION

Amendment No. 6—Operation and regulation: Authorizes the replacement of 100 passenger motor vehicles instead of 90 as proposed by the House and 110 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 7—Operation and regulation: Appropriates \$126,804,000 instead of \$125,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$128,608,000 as proposed by the Senate. The amount agreed to by the conferees includes the sum of \$108,000 to permit continued operation of 39 intermediate landing fields scheduled for discontinuance in the coming year.

Amendment No. 8—Establishment of air navigation facilities: Appropriates \$40,000,000 as proposed by the Senate instead of \$37,500,000 as proposed by the House.

CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD

Amendment No. 9—Salaries and expenses: Appropriates \$4,625,000 instead of \$4,550,000 as proposed by the House and \$4,700,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 10—Payments to air carriers: Appropriates \$16,200,000 instead of \$15,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$17,400,000 as proposed by the Senate.

COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

Amendment No. 11—Salaries and expenses: Appropriates \$10,900,000 instead of \$10,800,000 as proposed by the House and \$11,020,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 12—Construction of a surveying ship: Appropriates \$3,700,000 as proposed by the Senate instead of \$3,400,000 as proposed by the House.

BUSINESS AND DEFENSE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Amendment No. 13—Salaries and expenses: Appropriates \$6,900,000 as proposed by the Senate instead of \$7,200,000 as proposed by the House.

OFFICE OF BUSINESS ECONOMICS

Amendment No. 14—Salaries and expenses: Appropriates \$960,000 instead of \$1,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$900,000 as proposed by the Senate.

MARITIME ACTIVITIES

Amendment No. 15—Ship construction: Reinstates House language authorizing reconditioning and betterment of one ship in the national defense reserve fleet which was stricken by the Senate.

Amendments Nos. 16 and 17—Ship construction: Appropriate \$82,700,000 instead of \$54,800,000 as proposed by the House and \$108,880,000 as proposed by the Senate, and approve \$1,115,000 for transfer to salaries and expenses instead of \$1,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$1,232,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The appropriation agreed to by the conferees includes \$2,300,000 for the conversion of two Mariners for the American President Lines, \$65,000,000 for the ship-replacement program, \$10,000,000 for acquisition of replaced ships, \$4,000,000 for research and development, and \$1,400,000 for administrative and warehouse expenses.

Amendment No. 18—Operating differential subsidies: Approves 2,040 voyages instead of 2,000 as proposed by the House and 2,075 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendments No. 19, 20 and 21—Salaries and expenses: Appropriate \$15,350,000 instead of \$15,187,000 as proposed by the House and \$15,500,000 as proposed by the Senate, and authorize \$6,500,000 for administrative expenses, instead of \$6,482,000 as proposed by the House and \$6,600,000 as proposed by the Senate, and \$1,600,000 for maintenance of shipyards and reserve training facilities and operation of warehouses, instead of \$1,445,000 as proposed by the House and \$1,650,000 as proposed by the Senate.

INLAND WATERWAYS CORPORATION

Amendment No. 22—Reported in disagreement.

NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS

Amendment No. 23—Construction of facilities: Reported in disagreement.

TITLE II—THE PANAMA CANAL

Amendment No. 24—Panama Canal Company: Authorizes \$3,679,000 for general and administrative expenses as proposed by the Senate instead of \$3,562,100 as proposed by the House.

Amendments Nos. 25 and 26—Panama Canal Company: Authorize the purchase of not to exceed 18 passenger motor vehicles for replacement only as proposed by the House.

TITLE III—INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

Amendment No. 27—St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation: Authorizes \$325,000 for administrative expenses instead of \$315,000 as proposed by the House.

Amendment No. 28—St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation: Reported in disagreement.

Amendment No. 29—St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation: Authorizes the purchase of four passenger motor vehicles as proposed by the Senate instead of three as proposed by the House.

Amendments Nos. 30 and 31—Salaries and expenses, Small Business Administration: Appropriate \$1,900,000 as proposed by the Senate instead of \$1,890,000 as proposed by the House, and authorize the transfer of \$4,634,000 from the revolving fund as proposed by the Senate instead of \$4,610,000 as proposed by the House.

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